

2006 Department of Defense
Cultural Resources Workshop

Objective: The fundamental objective of this workshop is to prioritize investment opportunities for the Department of Defense (DoD) Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP), and Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy). This workshop will:

- (1) identify and prioritize the needs for cultural resources management across DoD;
- (2) examine the current state of practice across DoD for cultural resources management;
- (3) identify the current state of the art for cultural resources management relevant to DoD's requirements; and
- (4) identify the gaps in knowledge, technology, and management for cultural resources that limit both the transition of emerging technologies and the implementation or development of new management approaches.

The identification of policy issues is not a specific objective of this workshop. Any policy issues identified during the workshop will be captured and passed to the appropriate action officers, either within the DoD or the individual Military Services.

Background: Protection of cultural resources associated with our national heritage is part of the DoD's mission. DoD's policy is to manage and maintain historic properties and other cultural resources under its control (on DoD land or under DoD management) through a comprehensive program that considers the preservation of their historic, archaeological, architectural and cultural values that is mission supporting and results in sound and responsible stewardship. DoD promotes and interprets the cultural resources under its care whenever it is operationally and economically appropriate, both to inspire DoD personnel and to encourage and maintain the American public's support for its military and its appreciation for its national heritage. DoD manages 30 million acres of land, making it the third-largest land management agency in the United States. DoD owns or controls more than 100,000 archeological sites, 75 National Historic Landmarks, and nearly 600 entries listed on the National Register of Historic Places (encompassing over 19,000 individual historic properties), all located on over 200 military installations to meeting all of DoD's mission responsibilities.

SERDP and ESTCP are programs designed to support research, development, demonstration, and transition of environmental technologies required by the DoD to perform its mission. The Legacy Program supports DoD efforts to protect, enhance, and conserve natural and cultural heritage through stewardship, leadership, and partnership. All three programs seek to improve the DoD management of cultural resources through investments in research, development, demonstrations, or management initiatives.

Approach: The workshop is planned for July 11-13 2006. The workshop will consist of a small number of prepared papers and presentations followed by multiple breakout sessions. Invitees to the workshop include senior researchers and managers from DoD, other Federal agencies, tribal governments, state agencies, academia, NGOs, and industry.

Product: The outcome of this workshop will be a strategic plan for the SERDP, ESTCP, and Legacy programs to guide investments in the area of cultural resource management over the next five years.

In Partnership with:
Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP)
Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP)
Legacy Resource Management Program (Legacy)